



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
(Docket No. 408870)

In re the Application of:

Bartholf et al.

Serial No.: 09/782,444

Filed: February 13, 2001

For: STENT DELIVERY SYSTEM HAVING  
DELIVERY CATHETER MEMBER WITH A  
CLEAR TRANSITION ZONE

Art Unit: 3738

Examiner B. Snow

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

Dear Sir:

This is a request for continued examination (RCE) of the above identified application, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114.

The Submission is the Amendment filed May 23, 2003 which was not previously entered (see PTO Communication mailed June 5, 2003). Please enter and consider this Amendment which it is believed places the application in condition for allowance.

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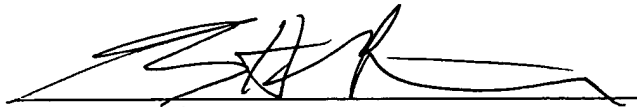
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